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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)						Docket Number	
FY 2008 (fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818))						49931-0081	
In re Application of Edward W. MERRILL et al.							
Application Number			10/696,362	Filed	October 30, 200	3	
For	-		RADIATION AND MELT TREATED ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES				
Art Unit			1796	Examiner	S. Berman		
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the about identified application.							
The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter appropriate fee below):							
				Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee		
		One mont	h (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 130	\$ 65	\$	
		Two mont	ns (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ 490	\$ 245	\$	
	\boxtimes	Three mor	nths (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ 1110	\$ 555	\$ <u>555.00</u>	
		Four mont	hs (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$ 1730	\$ 865	\$	
	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))			\$ 2350	\$ 1175	\$	
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.						
	A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.						
	The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Dep					osit Account.	
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			assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number: 33,715				
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